THE LIFE AND STRUGGLE OF FEMALE NURSES AS CORONA WARRIORS : A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY

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Introduction

Right from Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War to Fatu Kekula who help treat Ebola patients in Liberia, nurses have been at the lead of every healthcare crisis. They are the serious link in the healthcare system that not only helps people get back to health, but become the major support to the family of the sick. Especially during this pandemic, the roles of nurses have transformed with great tasks and with a lot of challenges. A distinctive day in the life of a nurse on the CORONA war front is filled with great vagueness and a constant marathon. Every single shift has the potential to be significant, exhilarating, exhausting, energizing, or all of the above. On any given day, nurses can see people at their weakest and most vulnerable, or at their strongest and most resolute times. Moreover, a single breach in infection prevention practice can cause life-threatening infections to any patient, especially for critical CORONA patients who are immune-compromised considering the use of steroids, raised blood glucose levels, and use of medications that suppress immunity. Nurses act as patient advocates to ensure that the right treatment reaches the patient in the right manner. They witness the results of life-ending injuries and illnesses with such regularity that they become par for the course.

Statement of the Problem

The present study intends to examine the life and struggle of female nurses during the CORONA pandemic through sociological perspective. Through this study we can betterly understand who are the CORONA warriors, the importance of nursing profession to protect the lives of citizens, the effects of CORONA pandemic on the life of nurses and the struggle of female nurses in maintaining their personal and professional life, specially during CORONA pandemic. The study focuses on the female nurses of Primary Health Centers in Baglkot district.

Hypothesis

1. Nursing profession is female dominating profession.
2. Female nurses are facing many problems in maintaining the personal and professional life.
3. Female nurses faced much work stress during CORONA pandemic.

Importance of the Study

Nursing has altered considerably since Florence Nightingale defined it as ‘a foot soldier on the frontline in the battle against disease’. The scope of practice today is far beyond that of the 19th-century profession, as increasing numbers of nurses work outside hospitals in primary care and community settings, and are involved in home treatment and industry. Patterns of nursing regulation, education and training vary considerably across the world. Nursing as a profession has evolved from just being care-giver to a profession dedicated towards the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities, and populations. During pandemic situations their survive to the society is unforgettable. In the CORONA pandemic all nurses worked as CORONA warriors.

History of nursing profession

the history of professional nursing traditionally begins with Florence. In 1854 Nightingale had the opportunity to test her beliefs during Britain's Crimean War ,Newspaper stories reporting that sick and wounded Russian soldiers nursed by religious orders fared much better than British soldiers inflamed public opinion. In response, the British government asked Nightingale to take a small group of nurses to the military hospital. Within months a grateful public knew of the work of the "Lady with the Lamp," who made nightly rounds comforting the sick and wounded. By the end of the 19th century, the entire Western world shared Nightingale's belief in the worth of educated nurses. Like this nursing profession was started and gradually spread around the world.

History of CORONA

World Health Organization reported that nearly 50000 men, women and children are dying every day from infectious diseases through out the world. In the last 20 years at least 30 new diseases have emerged and badly affected the health of millions of people. There is no particular treatment for many of these diseases. One of them is CORONA.

CORONA disease (Covid-19) is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It was discovered in December 2019 in Wohan, China. It has quickly spread around the world and the whole world suffered badly by this virus. These sufferings not only related with health and life but also with the economic, educational and social conditions of the people. It affects the personal as well as the professional life of the people who worked as CORONA warriors.

CORONA Warriors

the definition of COVID Warrior has been laid down by Government of India

"COVID Warriors are all public healthcare providers including community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by this. The following services and organizations are considered as CORONA warriors by the Government of India.

Organization Wise Covid Warriors Data - Total for All Organizations- 18908680

Organizations	Total Number
MBBS doctors	1014537
MBBS students	104000
Nurses	2618077
Dentists	222816
Pharmacists	1200814

AYUSH	806387
CPSES hospitals	201
ESIC hospitals	51
Ordnance and HAL hospitals	13
Port hospitals	12
Railway hospitals	86
LAB volenters	43736
Ex-servicemen	12524
NYKS	3554912
NSS	2574693
NCC	22124
PMKVY Trained Health Professionals	142817
Trained Health care Workers under DAY NULM	30652
Trained workers under DDU GKY	43944
Psycho Social Care	116346
Panchayat Secretary	2567851
ASHA	1007045
Anganawadi	2543113
Vetarnary doctors and Para Vet	70873
Rehabilitation Professionals	159887
Allied and Healthcare Professionals	1141467
Postmen and Gramin Dak Sewak Delivery Agents	271082
Civil Defence	457044
Home Guards	441616

Fire Services	49972

Objectives

Objectives of the study are as follows

1. To know the work related problems of female nurses.
2. To compare the work stress of male and female nurses.
3. To analyze how female nurses balance their work and family.
4. To know the attitude of family member of female nurses regarding their profession.
5. To know the behavior of male staff with female nurses.
6. To identify female nurses work satisfaction.

Scope and Limitations of the Study

The present study focuses on the life and struggle of female nurses as CORONA warriors. It will be conducted in Taluka Health Centers and Primary Health Centers of Bagalkot district, Karnataka State. There are 9 Taluka Health centers and 51 Primary Health centers in Bagalkot district. The study focuses only on the female nurses working in the Taluka and Primary Health Centers of Bagalkot district. This study will take the work stress mainly during CORONA pandemic.

Methodology of the Study

The study is based on the secondary and primary data. Here as the secondary data the investigator use the reports from the Department of Health and Family Welfare, reports from WHO, reorts from Taluka and Primary Health Centers of Bagalkot district. To collect the primary data the investigator select the respondents through Simple Random Sampling. The investigator use Interview method for the data collection from the sample female nurses working in Taluka and Primary Health Centers of Bagalkot district.

Chapterization

Chapter 1 – The chapter covers the statement of the problem, the importance of the study, hypothesis, objectives , scope and limitations and methodology of data collection

Chapter 2 – This chapter covers the review of literature.

Chapter 3 – This chapter includes the detailed history of nursing profession and CORONA virus.

Chapter 4 – This chapter has the analytical report about the data collected by the samples.

Chapter 5 – The last chapter covers the summary, findings, conclusions and suggestions

Conclusion

The rapid spread of COVID-19 poses a serious threat to human health and is impacting severely on public health, global communications, and economic systems worldwide. Nurses are key members of healthcare teams charged to control and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Moreover, nurses work on the front line, providing direct care to individuals infected with COVID-19. Further effort is necessary to develop strategic recommendations and to integrate new knowledge into education. The immediate efforts to control and prevent COVID-19 and to care for those who are infected remain ongoing.